

-----Information Quality Act statement for NRDA collected data:

All data collection for NRDA followed standard operating procedure (SOP), water sampling plans, sampling handling and chain of custody procedures, and NOAA's Analytical Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP). Samples were sent to certified/accredited analytical chemistry laboratories where laboratory SOPs and NOAA's QAPP were followed to quantify concentrations of analytes. Rigorous quality assurance/ quality controls (QA/QC) were followed as described in the SOPs/QAPP. All analytical analyses were performed within holding times. Laboratory QA/QC procedures included initial and continuous calibration verification for analytical instruments use of method blanks and standard reference materials, and data qualification reporting guidelines. Method detection limits, quantitation range, and reporting limits were reported in laboratory analytical reports produced by each laboratory. Following chemical analyses, all data were externally and independently validated by personnel not associated with data collection and generation activities. -----